

Stratton Playgroup

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Newsletter - November 2024



Term Dates

Last Day

Christmas Party

Start of Spring Term 2024

School Applications deadline

Half-Term

Last Day

Start of Summer Term 2024

Bank Holiday

Half-Term

Last Day

Leavers Party

Thurs 19th Dec

Fri 20th Dec

Tues 7th Jan

Weds 15th Jan

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb

Fri 4th April

Tues 22nd April

Mon 5th May

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

Tues 15th July

Weds 16th July

UP COMING DATES

Weeks 11th and 18th November Key person meetings - Your child's key person will arrange this with you.

Wednesday 13th November AGM from 7pm at playgroup

Monday 25th November Drop off bags early BAGS FOR SCHOOLS

Friday 15th November 'Children in Need' Party wear theme.



Monday 18th November - deadline for Christmas card designs.



Thursday 19th December End of term

Friday 20th December - Children's Christmas party (details to follow)



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Lunch time collection - not ringing the door bell

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What are we learning about this half term.....

To begin the half term children will make their Christmas card design for the Christmas card fundraiser. We will take part in firework craft using mixed media such as glue, salt and watered-down paint. The children will watch the results of mixing the different materials. For afternoon snack the children will make edible sparklers. The children will use ribbons to dance like fireworks.

The following week children will make Remembrance Day craft. The children will make craft poppies using different techniques and materials. The children will also listen to the story 'where the poppies now grow', a poem about the war. The children will take part in fire drills, learning how to keep ourselves safe.

This week will be "acts of kindness week", children will be recognised for the kind things they do for each other. We will take part in "Children in Need" on Friday, dressing up in party wear and playing games/having our faces painted and decorating biscuits.

Moving on towards the end of the month, children will make their own reindeer food to sell. They will mix oats with glitter and decorate bags, talking about amounts and weight.

The children will go on woodland walks this week (weather depending). They will have egg boxes for treasure hunts, finding natural treasures in the woods. The children will use mathematical language to count the items found and talk about size. This week the children will also explore shadows and make silhouettes of leaves.

Learning objective this half term

Communication and language

- Listens to simple stories and understands what is happening with the help of the pictures - Various Christmas stories
- Sing a large repertoire of songs - Learning Christmas songs
- Engage in story times - Stories with props, puppets and imaginative stories

Physical development

- Explore different materials and tools - various craft (Christmas, Remembrance Day, fireworks)

Mathematics

- Notices patterns and arrange things in patterns - firework pictures/ Christmas tree craft.
- Talk about and identify patterns around them e.g. - strips or spots. Use informal language like 'pointy, spotty, blobs.

Expressive arts and design

- Start to develop pretend play through role play and pantomime play
- Explore different materials through different craft on offer.
- Develop their own ideas for taking part in creative play and imaginative play.

Getting to know the team

As lots of new families have joined playgroup, we will continue each month to re-introduce two staff members:

Staff profile



Name

Kayleigh

Roles and Responsibilities

Early Years Practitioner and behaviour lead

Early Years Qualification

Foundation degree in early childhood studies

About me -

I have two daughters Amilia and Eva and we live in our farm with 300 hundred cows, a dog called Doug, three cats two chickens and a pig named Dottie.

Have long have you worked at playgroup?

I have worked at playgroup for three years.

What is your Favourite thing about working with children?

I love working with children so it's hard to pick one favourite thing. But if I had to it would be because I love seeing how children grow and develop in to fabulous people and being a part of that development.

How would you like to see playgroup develop?

Playgroup is always developing which is great. But I would love for us to be able to do more gardening with the children.

Staff Profile



Name

Gemma Marshall

Roles and Responsibilities

Early years practitioner & Deputy SENDCO

Early Years Qualification

Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (Early Learning and Childcare); and is working towards her Early Childhood Foundation Degree

About me -

I have 2 daughters Lily 9 and Layla who is nearly 2. Most of my time I spend with them going on adventures and making memories.

Have long have you worked at playgroup?

6 years.

What is your Favourite thing about working with children?

My favourite thing about working in childcare is watching each child develop and grow in their own ways and knowing that you were a part of their journey!

How would you like to see playgroup develop?

I would love to see some more outdoor resources to help the children explore their imagination more. I also can't wait for the sensory room to be done as all of the children will benefit from it.

Pizza making

We were so lucky to have one of our parents come into playgroup and make pizzas with the children. They loved the process and eating them 😊

If any parents would like to come in and spend some time doing an activity with the children, please speak to your child's key person.

'FAMILY'

We hope you are all liking our new platform. If you have any questions you can discuss these at your key person meetings.

Lending library news

5 Book awards go to

Grace

Molly

Paddy

Myles

Luke

Amaya

10 book awards go to

Jackson

Felicity

Christmas card designs

The children will be bringing their Christmas card designs home shortly. Please can all orders with payments be in playgroup **by Monday 18th November**. Examples of what you can purchase will be uploaded to FAMILY next week.

Payment can be either cash or BACS.

Clothes donations

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to playgroup, these are great for us to have as spares.

Just a reminder as children learn and play at playgroup, **they will get wet - they will get messy** - So, please send children to playgroup in appropriate clothing for this and with spares.

Labelled Water bottles

Please send children to playgroup with a labelled water bottle to each session they attend.

Lunch time collections -

Please can we ask that you DO NOT ring the doorbell when you arrive to collect your child. This can be very disruptive to children and our lunch time session. We are always looking to see when parents arrive and we will bring your child to you as soon as they are ready to leave.

School applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2024. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2025.**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

Stratton School open sessions If your child is starting school next September and you would like to go and visit the school, they are offering several open sessions. Please let your child's Key Person know if you would like to attend so we can inform the school.

Wednesday 6 November at 11.00 am

Monday 11 November at 11.00 am

Tuesday 3 December at 1.30 pm

Wednesday 4 December at 10.00am

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter, if you have any questions please speak to a member of staff.

Kelly and all the team 😊😊



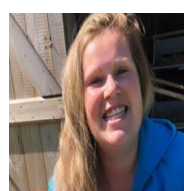
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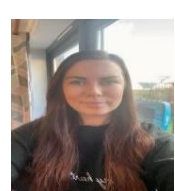
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